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DEPT PASS DHEW FOR JOE TRAUB

1. GEN HOSNI CALLED EMBASSY JULY 15 TO INFORM US THAT MINISTRY OF HOUSING HAS NOW DECIDED ON 4 COMPANIES WHICH WILL COMPETE FOR WAF WA AMAL CONTRACT. THREE AMERICAN COMPANIES, ARCHITECTS COLLABORATIVE, PERKINS AND WILL, AND KAISER AND ONE BRITISH FIRM, LLEWELYN-DAVIES, HAVE BEEN SELECTED. SELECTION BASED UPON ANSWERS TO FURTHER QUESTIONS POSED AS MENTIONED CAIRO REFTEL. FOURTH AMERICAN COMPANY ELLERBY WAS ELIMINATED ON BASIS OF ITS VERY HIGH PRICE. MINISTRY OF RECONSTRUCTION PLANS TO INFORM BOARD OF WAF WA AMAL THROUGH LETTER TO MADAME SADAT, WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL BE DISPATCHED JULY 15, OF ITS DECISION REGARDING 4 COMPANIES AND WILL RECOMMEND THAT INTERVIEWS WITH THE COMPANIES PROCEED PRIOR TO THE FINAL SELECTION BY WAF WA AMAL BOARD.

2. GEN HOSNI TOLD US THAT DECISION ABOUT VENUE OF INTERVIEWS HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE. HE STILL FEELS, AS DO MINISTRY OF RECONSTRUCTION ADVISORS THAT INTERVIEWS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN US AND UK. DECISION WILL PROBABLY NOT BE MADE, HOWEVER, UNTIL  
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BOARD MEETING OF WAF WA AMAL WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR

THURSDAY, JULY 24. HOSNI HOWEVER HOPES TO SEE MADAME SADAT SOONER TO GET HER TO AGREE TO INTERVIEW SCENARIO. HE AGREED TO INFORM US AS SOON AS HE HAS ANY INFORMATION. WE REGRET THEREFORE THAT WE CANNOT GIVE MORE FIRM INDICATION TO RSA RE TRAUB'S PARTICIPATION.

3. REGARDING TRAUB'S TRAVEL, IF INTERVIEWS TAKE PLACE IN CAIRO THEN HOSNI AND Wafa wa Amal WILL PAY COST OF TRAUB TRAVEL TO CAIRO. IF INTERVIEWS TAKE PLACE IN US, HOSNI OF OPINION THAT FIRMS SHOULD COME TO WASHINGTON FOR INTERVIEWS WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE NEED FOR IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL COSTS ALTHOUGH HE SAID IF VISITS WERE MADE TO COMPANY SITES THAT SOVIETS WOULD CONSIDER PAYING TRAVEL EXPENSES.

4. ON GEN HOSNI'S TRAVEL PLANS FOR US, HE SAID HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN EDITORIAL CONFERENCE WHICH WILL DRAFT FINAL REPORT OF REHABILITATION CONFERENCE AND BELIEVES THAT HIS TRAVEL SHOULD BE FINANCED BY THE GRANT AS IT IS IN CONNECTION WITH CONFERENCE ITSELF. HE ALSO CITED TO US PARA 4 OF STATE 61589 IN WHICH RSA OFFERED TO FUND TRAVEL TO US FROM SFCP FUNDS. BELIEVE HOWEVER THAT HOSNI'S PARTICIPATION IN THE EDITORIAL MEETING SHOULD AWAIT DECISION ON Wafa wa Amal INTERVIEWS. RSA SHOULD CONSIDER AVAILABILITY FUNDS FOR HOSNI TRAVEL FOR CONFERENCE ONLY, BUT SHOULD HOLD FINAL DECISION UNTIL WE CAN DETERMINE WHAT PLANS FOR CONTRACT INTERVIEWS ACTUALLY ARE.

5. HOSNI HAD JUST COME FROM MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF HOUSING OFFICIALS AND ADVISED THAT ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE HELD CLOSELY AND THAT HE WOULD BE EMBARRASSED BY ITS RELEASE. WE PROMISED IT WOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.  
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